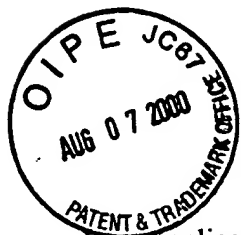


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated March 2, 2000 for the above-identified patent application. A petition for a two-month extension of time, and the appropriate fee, accompany this response.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant requests that the application be amended as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claim ~~6~~, without prejudice.

Claim 4 (Twice Amended). A process for the preparation of a protein having a molecular weight

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